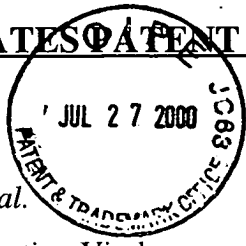


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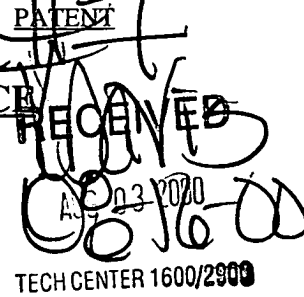
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Response to Office Action



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response to Office Action ("Response") is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2000 ("Office Action") in the above referenced patent application.

TIME FOR RESPONSE

The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response of three months ending April 21, 2000. Accompanying this Response is a petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action and the required fee thus extending the time for response until July 21, 2000. Consequently, Applicant believes this Response is timely filed.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-40 are pending in this application. Claim 37 is rejected pursuant to 35 USC 112 second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 14-36 stand rejected pursuant to 35 USC 112, first paragraph. No claim is indicated as allowed.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned hereby certifies that the attached correspondence is being deposited as First Class Mail with sufficient postage with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date indicated below.

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July 21, 2000